

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Roads and Buildings Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri K.Papa Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B) (Retd.) and (3) others for the irregularities in collection of toll tax at certain toll gates in Medak and Prakasam districts – Further action dropped – Orders Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.I.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.537

Dated: 29th April, 2009

Read the following:

1. Memo.No.20313/VC(1)/2001, Dt.20.08.2003 and Dt.24.04.2006 of the I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, AP, Hyderabad.
2. From Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (now Retd.) Representation Dt.08.05.2006.
3. From Sri K.Papa Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (now Retd.) Representation Dt.10.05.2006.
4. From Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) Representation Dt.08.05.2006.
5. G.O.Rt.No.226, TR & B (Vig.I.1) Deptt., Dt.05.03.2007 and G.O.Rt.No.634, TR&B (Vig.I.1) Deptt., Dt.25.04.2008.
6. From the Commissionerate of Inquiries, D.O.Letter No.531/COI.CK/A4/2008, Dt.29.09.2008.
7. Govt. Memo.No.8970/Vig.I.1/2001-14, 15 & 16, TR&B (Vig.I.1) Deptt., Dt.27.10.2008.
8. From Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (now Retd.) Representation Dt.29.12.2008.
9. From Sri K.Papa Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (now Retd.) Representation Dt.27.12.2008.
10. From Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) Representation Dt.29.12.2008.

ORDER:

Orders have been issued appointing an Inquiring Authority to conduct a detailed enquiry against Sri K.Papa Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) and another for the irregularities in collection of toll tax at certain toll gates in Medak and Prakasam districts. In the letter 6th read above the Enquiry Officer has submitted report of enquiry holding that the only two charges that are proved against the Charged Officers are existence of excess cash and also unsigned receipt book. The other issues like non collection of taxes from APSRTC, non exemption of tractors from toll tax collection and non remitting on daily basis are only technical irregularities and are general in nature and need not be pursued further.

2. In Memo. 7th read above, a copy of enquiry report was communicated to Sri K.Papa Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Asst., Executive Engineer (R&B). In the letters 8th to 10th read above the charged officers have submitted their written representations requesting to drop further action against them.

3. The ENC in his letter 1st read above has informed that the irregularities in maintenance of toll gate are general in nature pertaining to procedural lapses; that circular instructions to avoid loss of revenue to Government in maintenance of toll gates which were run by department have been issued and therefore requested to close the matter.

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4. Government after careful examination of the matter felt that the Inquiry Authority has not found that (i) Collecting toll from APSRTC buses and (ii) exempting tractors from toll, as substantiated. The other two (iii) excess cash and (iv) unsigned receipt books are deemed proved. But the charge (iii) the Inquiry Authority explained that daily remittances in banks were 'impractical'. And though charge (iv) is a technical irregularity, bank reconciliation seems favourable and decided to drop further action against Sri K.Papa Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B) Retired Officers and close further action against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Asst., Executive Engineer (R&B) by issuing a warning to be careful in future in following the procedures.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri K.Papa Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B), Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, the then Assistant Engineer (R&B) Retired Officers and close further action against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Asst., Executive Engineer (R&B) with a warning to be careful in future.

6. The I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, AP, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.T.CHATTERJEE,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.Papa Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.), Sri A.Raghurami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.), Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Asst., Executive Engineer (R&B) through: the I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, AP, Hyderabad.

The I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, AP, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat, Hyderabad. (153248/VC.H2/2005)

The General Administration (V&E) Department (46/269/V&E/E2/97).

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